

LUPP ASSUMES HIS NEW DUTIES

Welcomed Into Office by Former Commissioner of Indian Affairs Wm. A. Jones.

PLANS NO RADICAL REFORMS.

Has Always Displayed Great Interest in Affairs of Uncle Sam's Wards and Has Rendered Important Service.

The Republic Bureau, Washington, Jan. 3.—With practically no ceremony, the new Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Francis Ellington Lupp, assumed his duties this morning. Being acquainted with nearly all of the heads of the various divisions of the bureau and most of the employees, he was welcomed personally and several bouquets of flowers were upon his desk.

Former Commissioner Wm. A. Jones was present for a little while removing his personal belongings and turning over to Mr. Lupp the Government property. By noon the business of the office was being transacted as though no change had been made.

The new Commissioner has been a well-known newspaper man in Washington for a number of years and has always, even in boyhood, had a taste for delving into the affairs of the Indians.

In 1895 he was appointed a member of the Indian Commission and retained that position several years. Last year he made at the request of President Roosevelt an investigation into charges against the employees of the Government located in Oklahoma, which resulted in many reforms. No radical changes in the policy of the bureau will be made at present and no changes in the clerical force. The Commissioner was busy a great part of the morning reading letters and telegrams of congratulation, which were pouring in from all parts of the country.

Former Commissioner Jones is to remain in Washington until Thursday, when he will depart for the West.

BRACE'S SECOND TERM AS CHIEF JUSTICE.



CHIEF JUSTICE THEODORE BRACE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 3.—Judge Theodore Bruce, who was today elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, is one of the few Supreme Justices of Missouri who has had the honor of serving twice in that high office, he having been elected Chief Justice in 1892 to succeed Chief Justice Francis M. Black, serving in the office until 1897, when Judge Gautt succeeded him. The office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is created by the constitution, but is chiefly an honorary distinction, there being no additional salary attached to the office.

The Chief Justice fixes the dates of the court's sessions, and has the authority to summon the judges in consultation at any time, at which sessions it is his duty to preside. But he does not preside over the bench except when the entire court convenes in banc.

Chief Justice Bruce is the oldest member of the court in point of commission, as a presiding officer in the courtroom he is liked very much by the bar of the State because of his courtesy and obliging manner, and his experience and wisdom especially have always found a ready response in the minds of the judges. It is his special pleasure to make them feel at ease when addressing the court.

One of the early duties of Chief Justice Bruce will be to administer the oath of office next Monday to Governor Frank.

CADETS NOT ARMY OFFICERS.

Supreme Court Decides Standing of West Point Pupils.

Washington, Jan. 3.—That a cadet at West Point is not an officer in the army, the meaning of the law applying to the dismissal of such officers was decided today by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The point arose in connection with the case of Thomas L. Harrison, a cadet dismissed without court-martial proceedings from the Military Academy in 1897 because of his alleged mistreatment of a new cadet. He brought suit in the Court of Claims for his salary, alleging that under the law providing that "no officer of the army shall be dismissed except in pursuance of a court-martial or an investigation thereof," his dismissal had been irregular and invalid.

The Court held that this provision relates to commissioned officers, and not to students of colleges.

NEW CASHIER FOR SHERIFF.

Adolph Schenk Succeeded by Frank Malone.

Adolph Schenk, who for about twenty years has been connected with the Sheriff's office, and who was reappointed by Patrick H. Clarke as cashier, was succeeded yesterday by Frank Malone.

The change was a surprise, as it was supposed that Schenk's appointment was permanent.

Mr. Clarke is absent from the city, and it is stated that he wrote to Schenk, Malone appeared at the Sheriff's office yesterday and Schenk surrendered the position to him.

Schenk served under former Sheriffs Harrington, Mason, Sted, Todd, Polham and McKinnon.

Every Thursday and Sunday Table d'hôte dinner will be served at the Washington. Free menu.

INSISTS HE GAVE MONEY TO SENATOR

Man Convicted of Land Frauds Gives Details of Alleged Transaction.

PAY WAS TO SECURE PATENTS.

Tells of Laying Two One Thousand-Dollar Bills Before Mitchell of Oregon and of Success That Followed.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—S. A. D. Pater, recently convicted in this city with Horace G. McKinley, Daniel T. Tarpley and Mrs. Emma Watson of conspiracy to defraud the United States Government of lands, made a statement to the Telegram today in contradiction of statements issued by United States Senator Mitchell, indicted on Saturday last by a Federal Grand Jury on evidence similar to that presented at the criminal trial of the persons recently convicted.

"When I said that I gave Senator Mitchell \$2,000 to use his influence with Binger Herman to expedite those claims in 11-7," said Pater, "I told the truth, and Senator Mitchell knows it."

"I gave Senator Mitchell \$2,000 to get those patents through, and I will say that I never regretted telling anything so much as in my life as the fact that Mitchell took the money. I never told a living soul in my life before I gave the details to Mr. Heney. I never told it to McKinley or Tarpley, my partners in those deals. I kept an entry book in which I made entries of every cent spent in getting these lands to patent. All the costs of filing were entered, as well as railroad fares, etc. The only entry I made of this money given to Mitchell was \$2,000. McKinley may have had an idea of his own as to where the money went, but I never told him. Mitchell had no intimation from me as to the fraudulent character of the entries of this land."

FEARED DETECTION.

"I never so much as intimated it to him. But, when Herman gave me to understand that the land was down and out, and that the matter would have to be referred back to the Oregon City Land Office, I went to Senator Mitchell and told him that these patents would have to go through, for the reason that if they were referred back to the original office the whole thing would be lost. I told him that the entries were scattered and that it would be impossible to get them together. Mitchell said that it was too much. I was desperate over a desire to get the patents through, and I told him to take it and do what he could to influence the Commissioner (Congressman Herman) to take the claims up and get the patents issued. I knew that as a United States Senator Mitchell would have a lot of influence with the land office, and I was willing to pay that amount to have the patents issued."

"I knew the special agents had made a report on the facts, but of the nature of the report I had no means of knowing, and I was at a loss to know why Commissioner Herman threw the claims out. I do not know to this day why he did it, but when he told me the last time I was before him that the lands would have to go back to the Oregon City Land Office, I went to see Mitchell at once."

"All I know about Herman is that after the money was paid to Mitchell and I had given him that, subsequently he made a good hard talk. Herman changed his mind. Why he did it I did not know, and would not presume to say."

MORE SENSATIONS EXPECTED IN WESTERN LAND CASES.

Washington, Jan. 3.—More sensational developments in connection with the unearthing of the public land frauds in the far West are expected shortly.

Bank indictments are being prepared in Portland, Ore., where the Grand Jury will resume its sessions during the week, and persons prominent in public life, other than those whose names are already implicated, are involved.

The mission of Oliver E. Pater, the assistant in the Department of Justice, who left here several days ago for Portland, is to assist in the framing of new indictments, a work in which he figured conspicuously during the postal investigation a couple of years ago.

Mr. Pater is expected to return here in time to take part in the presentation of the Government's position before the Supreme Court of the United States in the Hyde-Boose case, which the Government appealed to that body after the discharge of the leading defendants on habeas corpus proceedings brought in New York. This case probably will be heard next month.

No successor to United States District Attorney Hall, who was recently removed, has yet been selected, and it is expected that Francis J. Haney will remain in that office of the Government's interests in the pending proceedings at Portland.

Investigation of all alleged frauds in public lands, a work which has been brought about by Attorney General Pater, is being carried on by Fred Oliver of Lewiston, Idaho, recently appointed Attorney General of his State on the Democratic ticket two years ago.

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WILL FORM BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE FOR CHURCH WORK.

St. Louis Union Will Be Organized at Union Avenue Church Friday Night.

The St. Louis Union of the Business Men's League will be formally organized at Union Avenue Christian Church Friday night.

Charters of the league are being formed in every church of the denomination throughout the country this week.

The organization was launched at the recent national convention of the Disciples of Christ in this city, at which time J. H. Allen was elected president, W. B. Pittman secretary and S. H. Thomas treasurer. Its object is to interest men in local and national missionary and church activities.

The organization will have all the features of a regular church club and meetings will be held at stated intervals during the month, at which church work will be discussed.

The annual meeting of the St. Louis City Mission Society of the Christian Church will be Friday morning. Reports from all the churches will be read and the annual report for the year will be made. The delegates to the meeting will be in session all day and will elect officers in the afternoon.

COL. A. A. RODMAN IS DEAD.

Was Author of Military Tactics and Prominent Mason.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Colonel A. A. Rodman, grand captain general of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templars of Iowa and author of "Rodman's Tactics," is dead of apoplexy. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon and will be in charge of Grand Commandery of Iowa.

CORONER BARON HAS BUSY DAY

Four Out of Six Inquests Held Yesterday Due to New Year's Revelry.

TWO DEATHS UNEXPLAINED.

Lutz Held for Killing Gavin, McNichols for Slaying Wagner and Martin for Solomon's Death.

Deaths resulting from New Year's revelry and fighting were the principal causes yesterday of one of the busiest days ever known in the Coroner's office.

It was 6 o'clock last evening when the last inquest was completed. In addition to one or two routine inquiries in unimportant cases, six inquests were conducted, four of which resulted from the New Year's celebration.

In the case of Thomas E. Gavin, Democratic Committeeman, who was shot early Sunday morning, the jury returned a verdict of homicide, which means that Henry R. Lutz, under arrest for shooting him, will be held until Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dutton and possibly the Grand Jury have passed upon the matter.

The testimony of the witnesses was substantially the same as that already published in The Republic.

The jury in the case of Louis A. Fielding, who was killed at Nineteenth and Washington streets Sunday morning, was to say whether death was due to accident or otherwise, and an open verdict was rendered.

Walter McNichols is held responsible for the killing of Frank Wagner on Saturday by the verdict returned by the jury which heard that case. McNichols shot Wagner after they had been joking each other in Michael Howard's saloon at Nineteenth and Chestnut streets.

In the case of James Solomon of No. 208 Riddle street, who died Sunday morning from wounds inflicted by Elmer Martin of No. 104 Franklin avenue Saturday night, the jury returned a verdict of homicide. Martin is a statement to Assistant Chief of Detectives Rudy Sunday and is having retained Solomon, but claimed that he acted in self-defense.

An inquest also was held on Albert Sullivan, who was killed by his brother at No. 140 Morgan street last Friday. The brother, it was shown, was insane at the time. He was shot by Patrolman Sullivan and died in the City Hospital in a critical condition.

Mrs. Narcissa Grisham, the negro, of No. 210 Lumbard avenue, who was killed Saturday night by a stray bullet, the Coroner's jury decided, came to her death by accident, she was shot while coming out of a church at Kennerly and Lumbard avenues.

BARRINGTON CASE IS CONTINUED

Great Size of the Transcript Causes Attorneys to Ask for Postponement of Trial Until April.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 3.—The case of the State vs. Barrington was today ordered continued to the April term upon the stipulation of counsel on both sides, the continuance being caused by the great size of the transcript.

The typewritten transcript of the proceedings in the lower court are very voluminous, comprising about 3,000 pages.

The case reached the clerk of the Supreme Court but a few days ago, and it was found impossible for the attorneys on either side to prepare briefs and arguments in time for the hearing at the January call of the court.

For this reason counsel on both sides signed a stipulation, assuring that the case go over until the April term of the Supreme Court in order that the attorneys for both the State and the defendants might have ample time in which to prepare the briefs.

No argument was presented supporting the stipulation, it being the practice of the Supreme Court to accommodate counsel in this way in similar emergency and the stipulation was ordered sustained as soon as presented.

Barrington is accused of the murder of James P. McCall, and is under sentence of death.

ANTI-KERENS REPUBLICANS DENOUNCE INDORESMENT.

Springfield Men Claim There is No Roosevelt-Walbridge Club to Adopt Resolutions.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Springfield, Mo., Jan. 3.—The anti-Kerens Republicans of Springfield are up in arms over the indorsement given Colonel Kerens for United States Senator at an alleged meeting of the Roosevelt-Walbridge Club last Wednesday night. The anti claim that there is no Roosevelt-Walbridge Club in existence in Springfield, that there are two Republican clubs, one known as the Roosevelt Club and the other as the Walbridge Club, separate and distinct organizations. They also claim that only half a dozen men attended the meeting at which the "unanimous indorsement" was made and that no one outside of those who attended had any notice that a meeting was to be held.

One prominent anti-Kerens Republican, who was very much indignant over the alleged indorsement, said that such an action by a body of indolent Republicans was preposterous and absurd.

On the other hand, Kerens supporters affirm there is a Roosevelt-Walbridge Club in Springfield with over 100 members, and that the Kerens indorsement was made at a meeting of the club in which the membership had been invited to participate, and that the body of fraud comes from an element that did not attend the meeting because they knew they were in the minority and that the Kerens resolution would be adopted over their heads.

At any rate, the purported resolution has stirred up a fight, and the battle is now on to see who can secure the most indorsements for his favorite candidate.

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Infant Abandoned; Woman Arrested.

Agnes Bohm, 36 years old, who says she has no permanent home, was arrested at Second and Poplar streets yesterday afternoon by Policemen Strague and charged with the abandonment of her 2-month-old child several days ago. The child was recently taken in charge by the police and placed in St. Ann's Asylum. The mother is being held pending an investigation.

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